

General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen

OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK.

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

Treasurer and Standing Committees.

Annual Report of the Society.

ASSETS OF THE SOCIETY.

ESTIMATE OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

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1876.

Officers of the Society for 1876.

HAVILAH M. SMITH, *President*, 61 Perry Street.

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THOMAS EARLE, *Secretary*, 472 Broadway.

ENOCH STRATTON, *Collector*, 472 Broadway.

General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen

OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from the year 1874,.....	\$4,675 04
Rents—Broadway and Park Place,.....	24,100 00
“ Chambers-street,.....	3,000 00
“ Mechanics' Hall,.....	3,000 00
Dividends on Mechanics' National Bank stock,.....	2,027 50
Interest, in gold, on U. S. stocks,.....	2,100 00
“ in currency, “	480 00
“ on call loans,.....	42 63
Premium on Gold,.....	311 61
Twenty-six memberships,.....	1,300 00
Certificates sold,.....	9 00
Return interest on Taxes, Mechanics' Hall,.....	28 30
Total receipts,.....	<u>\$41,074 08</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Committees—Finance,.....	\$4,000 00
Pension,.....	7,500 00
Library,.....	10,800 00
Literary and Scientific,.....	2,000 00
School,.....	3,125 00
Building and Sinking Fund,.....	5,151 00
Real Estate—Chambers-street, Ground Rent,.....	125 00
Mechanics' Hall, Taxes,.....	1,994 80
Officers' Salaries,.....	800 00
Janitor and Doorkeeper,.....	944 00
Current Expenses,.....	61 00
Total disbursements,.....	<u>36,500 80</u>
Balance in Treasury,.....	<u>\$4,573 28</u>

The past year has not been marked by any event worthy of note in the financial department of this Society.

The present condition of its exchequer, though the income is still shorn somewhat of its former dimensions, exhibits a consoling increase, and the members of the Society, under the exercise of a generous economy and a careful guardianship of its trusts, may look forward with confidence that the advent of the Society's Centennial will show its superstructure to have risen to be its glory and its pride, and a monument to its founders, with a surety that its work of benefiting and elevating humanity will, under the exercise of the same rule, go on to all time.

Respectfully submitted.

DANIEL D. WRIGHT,
Treasurer.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, December 31, 1874,.....	\$334 14	
“ received from D. D. Wright, Treasurer,.....	4,000 00	
		<u>\$4,334 14</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Cash paid building Extension,.....	\$1,862 01	
“ “ Repairs of Building,.....	151 16	
“ “ Plumbing,.....	74 93	
“ “ Advertising, Stationery and Postage,....	210 89	
“ “ Printing,.....	158 10	
“ “ Gas Light,.....	1,509 45	
“ “ Insurance,..	275 00	
		<u>4,241 54</u>
Balance cash on hand, December 31, 1875,.....	\$92 60	

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN T. CONOVER,
Chairman.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PENSIONS.

RECEIPTS.

1875.	Balance December 31, 1874,	\$1,564 00
Feb'y 1.	Cash from Treasurer,	2,000 00
May 1.	" " "	1,500 00
Aug. 10.	" " "	2,000 00
Nov. 10.	" " "	2,000 00
		<hr/> \$9,064 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

March 31.	Cash paid Pensioners,	\$2,183 00
June 30.	" " "	1,694 00
Sept. 30.	" " "	1,798 00
Dec. 31.	" " "	2,000 00
	" " Printing, Stationery and incidental expenses,	52 00
		<hr/> 7,727 00
	Balance on hand, December 31, 1875,	\$1,337 00

Pensions paid to Members,	\$1,424 00
" " Widows,	3,458 00
" " Children,	95 00
Donations paid to Members,	616 00
" " Widows,	1,832 00
Funeral expenses of Members,	40 00
" " Widows,	210 00
	<hr/> \$7,675 00

Number of Pensioners—

December 31, 1874,	6 Members.	67 Widows.	3 Children.	Total,	76
Placed on Roll during 1875,	2	" 3	" 6	" "	11
	<hr/> 8	" 70	" 9	" "	87
Deceased and dropped from Roll during 1875,	1	" 5	" 3	" "	9
	<hr/> 7	" 65	" 6	" "	78
Pensioners Dec. 31, 1875,	7	" 65	" 6	" "	78

Respectfully submitted.

ANDREW HUTTON,
Chairman.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

RECEIPTS.

Cash from D. D. Wright, Treasurer,.....	\$125 00
“ “ “ “	3,000 00
“ “ Drawing Materials,.....	189 04
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Total,	\$3,314 04

DISBURSEMENTS.

Balance due the Committee, December 31st, 1874, ..	\$30 92
Cash paid for Insurance,.....	14 03
“ “ Repairs and Supplies, including Designs and Drawing Materials,.....	618 84
“ “ Teachers' and Superintendent's Salaries,.....	2,583 00
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Total,	\$3,246 79
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Cash on hand, December 31st, 1875,.....	\$67 25

There are 329 pupils in the School, with an average attendance of 275 on each evening.

In the Architectural Class, there are.....	30
“ Mechanical Class “ “	46
“ Free Hand “ “	209
“ Writing and Book-keeping Class, there are.....	44

The average age is seventeen years.

Respectfully submitted.

ALEXANDER GAW,
Chairman.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

APPRENTICES' LIBRARY.

RECEIPTS.

Received from D. D. Wright, Treasurer of Society, .	\$10,000 00	
“ “ Fines and Delinquents,	725 17	
“ “ Catalogues,	118 50	
“ “ Pay Readers,	316 50	
“ “ Deposits,	4 00	
“ “ Books lost and paid,	45 50	
“ “ Waste Paper,	27 58	
“ “ Surplus in Salaries,	4 20	
	<hr/>	\$11,241 45

DISBURSEMENTS.

Balance due Treasurer, December 31st, 1874,	\$436 46	
Paid for Books,	2,081 48	
“ “ Binding Books,	436 82	
“ “ Binding Catalogues,	24 30	
“ “ Periodicals,	410 64	
“ “ Stationery and Account Books,	103 80	
“ “ Printing,	537 52	
“ “ Paper for covering Books,	158 81	
“ “ Fixtures, Repairs and Supplies,	264 09	
“ “ Painting,	172 19	
“ “ Wood, Coal and Ice,	220 52	
“ “ Whitewashing and Cleaning,	50 00	
“ “ Insurance,	230 35	
“ “ Salaries, Librarian and Assistants,	4,845 06	
“ “ Incidental Expenses and Sundries,	134 93	
	<hr/>	10,106 97
Balance on hand, December 31st, 1875,		\$1,134 48

DE MILT LIBRARY.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, December 31st, 1874,	\$49 02	
Received from D. D. Wright, Treasurer of Society, .	800 00	
	<hr/>	\$849 02

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for Books,	\$64 05
“ “ Binding,	51 45
“ “ Periodicals,	5 36

Paid for Insurance,.....	88 40	
“ “ Supplies,.....	13 40	
	<u> </u>	222 66
Balance on hand, December 31st, 1875,.....		\$626 36

LIBRARIANS' ANNUAL REPORT,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 4TH, 1875.

The number of volumes in the Library is as follows :

I. APPRENTICES' LIBRARY.

Volumes reported in last Annual Report,.....	40,064
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Added, as per monthly reports :

New Books,.....	1,755	
Books transferred from Store Room,.....	464	
“ “ “ De Milt Library,.....	1,837	
	<u> </u>	4,056
		<u>44,120</u>

From this must be deducted :

Volumes condemned,.....	525	
Delinquent Books, not returned,.....	64	
Lost and paid,.....	16	
Omissions in former reports,.....	66	
Loss, not accounted for,.....	82	
	<u> </u>	753
Total in Apprentices' Library, Dec. 1st, 1875,.....		<u>43,367</u>

II. BOOKS IN STORE ROOM.

Volumes reported in last Annual Report,.....	6,834	
Transferred to Circulating Department,.....	464	
	<u> </u>	6,370

III. DE MILT LIBRARY.

Volumes reported in last Annual Report,.....	4,692	
Added, as per monthly reports,.....	112	
	<u> </u>	4,804
Transferred to Apprentices' Library,.....	1,837	
	<u> </u>	2,967
Total number of Volumes in both Libraries,.....		<u>52,704</u>

The books in the Apprentices' Library, including those transferred from the De Milt Library, are arranged in 250 classes. The following table gives an abstract of a detailed statement of the number of volumes in each class :

	Apprentices' Library.	Demilt Transfer.	Total.
I. General Works, (Periodicals, Cyclopædias, etc.).....	1,328	2	1,330
II. Natural Sciences and Useful Arts, including Medical Science,.....	2,987	236	3,223
III. Fine Arts, Poetry, Literature and Language,.....	3,803	426	4,229
IV. Fiction,.....	15,535	74	15,609
V. Juvenile Literature,.....	3,688	6	3,694
VI. History, Voyages and Travels, and Geography,.....	5,987	545	6,532
VII. Biography and Historical Miscellany, ..	3,388	193	3,581
VIII. Political and Social Sciences,.....	1,176	128	1,304
IX. Philosophy, (Mental and Moral,) and Education,.....	1,493	52	1,545
X. Theology,.....	2,145	175	2,320
	<hr/> 41,530	<hr/> 1,837	<hr/> 43,367

The number of accounts opened during the year was as follows :

With Apprentices,.....	3,439
“ Girls,.....	2,302
“ Pay Readers,.....	204
“ Members of the Society,.....	147
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Total,.....	6,092

As compared with the previous season, there are :

Of Apprentices,.....	408 less.
“ Girls,.....	468 “
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	876 less.
“ Pay Readers,.....	60 more.
“ Members,.....	40 “
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	100 more.
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Total,.....	776 less.

The number of volumes issued to readers was as follows :

	General Works, Natural Sciences and Useful Arts.	Fine Arts, Poetry, Literature and Language.	Prose Fiction.	Juvenile Literature.	History, Geography and Biography.	Political and Social Sciences, Philosophy and Theology.	Total.	Working Days.	Average per Day.
1874.									
Sept. 7 to Oct. 1,	141	167	3,884	2,163	432	64	6,841	22	310 $\frac{21}{22}$
Oct. 2 " Oct. 29,	192	212	5,230	2,709	551	101	8,995	24	374 $\frac{15}{24}$
" 30 " Nov. 25,	166	291	5,530	2,587	575	106	9,355	22	420 $\frac{1}{22}$
Nov. 26 " Dec. 28,	209	341	6,565	3,241	674	105	11,135	26	428 $\frac{23}{26}$
1875.									
Dec. 29 to Jan. 28	248	362	6,477	2,801	653	129	10,670	26	410 $\frac{10}{26}$
Jan. 29 " Feb. 25,	171	365	6,237	2,780	620	92	10,265	23	446 $\frac{7}{23}$
Feb. 26 " Apl. 1,	296	505	8,397	4,447	806	160	14,611	30	487 $\frac{11}{30}$
Apl. 2 " " 29,	242	311	6,297	3,432	657	115	11,054	24	460 $\frac{14}{24}$
" 30 " May 27,	218	369	6,148	3,089	511	107	10,442	24	421 $\frac{18}{24}$
May 28 " July 1,	238	343	7,091	3,369	622	127	11,790	29	406 $\frac{15}{29}$
July 3 " " 29,	186	207	5,046	2,468	433	77	8,417	23	365 $\frac{23}{23}$
" 30 and 31,....	17	28	500	334	38	5	922	2	461
Totals,.....	2,324	3,501	67,402	33,420	6,562	1,188	114,397	275	415 $\frac{272}{275}$

Besides the above, there were 230 volumes read in the Library rooms ; making a total of 114,627 volumes circulated. As compared with the previous season, there is a decrease of 14,646 volumes. The proportion of books read by each reader was nearly the same in both years.

During the year there were 1,094 postal cards sent to readers who had detained their books beyond the time, of which 536 resulted in the return of the books. 558 delinquent notices were sent to the guarantors of the remainder. All these delinquent books have been returned, or collected by the library employés, excepting 64, and of these nearly three-fourths were obtained on forged certificates.

There were 31,338 books furnished with new paper covers, pasted and lettered, 3,461 repaired, and 2,316

bound by the employés. In all, 37,115 volumes. Besides these, there were 1,280 volumes sent to the binder.

The increase in books is as follows :

In Apprentices' Library—		
New Books,	1,755	
Old Books,	464	
	<hr/>	2,219
In De Milt Library,		112
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Gross increase,		2,331
Deduct losses, etc., and condemned books,		753
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Net increase,		1,578

The following works have been presented during the year :

I. BOOKS.

By E. SHORTHOUSE, Birmingham, Eng. :

A Present to Boys, Youths, and Young Men, 12mo. 12 copies.

By O. S. BALDWIN:

Baldwin's Monthly, 1873-74, 4to.

By PROF. E. R. BETTS, Librarian :

Catalogue of the Library of Columbia College, 8vo.

By BROTHERS R. L. & A. STUART :

Ante-Nicene Library, 24 vols., 8vo.

By JOHN EDMANDS, Librarian Mercantile Library, Philadelphia :

Catalogue of the Mercantile Library of Philadelphia, 8vo.

By LUCIUS M. BOLTWOOD, Librarian Hartford Young Men's Institute :

Catalogue of the Library of the Hartford Young Men's Institute, 8vo.

By MESSRS. CASSELL, PETTER & GALPIN :

Essays on Political Economy. By F. Bastiat. 18mo.

By THE CITIZEN'S ASSOCIATION OF NEW-YORK :

Report of the Council of Hygiene and Public Health of the Citizen's Association of New-York upon the Sanitary Condition of the City. Second Edition. 8vo., New-York, 1866.

By THE HON. JOHN EATON, Commissioner of Education, Washington, D. C. :

Report of the Commissioner of Education for 1873. 8vo., Washington, 1875.

BY BROTHER WM. H. BURRAS :

The Farmer and Mechanic. New Series, Vols. 1—3. 3 vols. 4to., New-York, 1847-49.

BY F. B. THURBER, Esq., New-York City :

Monopolies and the People. By D. C. Cloud. 3d Edition, 8vo., Davenport and Muscatine, 1873.

BY MESSRS. R. HOE & Co. :

Hints on Electrotyping and Stereotyping. 8vo., New-York, 1875. 2 copies.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY GOV. JOHN F. HARTRANFT, of Pennsylvania :

Pennsylvania Archives, 2d Series. Edited by John B. Linn and Wm. H. Eagle. Vol. 1, Harrisburg, 1874, 8vo.

BY THE HON. JOHN EATON, Commissioner of Education, Washington, D. C. :

Report of the Commissioner of Education for 1874. 8vo., Washington, 1875.

BY HON. DIEDRICH WILLERS, JR., Secretary of State, Albany, N. Y. :

Assembly Journal, 97th Session, 2 vols., 8vo.

Assembly Documents, 97th Session, 13 vols., 8vo.

Senate Journal, 97th Session, 1 vol., 8vo.

Senate Documents, 97th Session, 6 vols., 8vo.

Laws of New-York, 98th Session, 8vo.

BY P. CUDMORE, Esq., Author :

The Civil Government of the States, and the Constitutional History of the United States.

BY BENJAMIN W. FLOYD, President :

Annual Report of the New-York Produce Exchange, for the year ending June 1, 1875, 8vo.

II. PAMPHLETS.

BY C. L. BRACE, Secretary :

Twenty-second Annual Report of the Children's Aid Society.

BY THE LIBRARY COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA :

[List of] Periodicals and Continuations. January, 1875.

BY THE HON. JOHN EATON, Commissioner of Education, Washington, D. C. :

Circulars of Information of the Bureau of Education. No. 3. 1874.

By JOHN EDMANDS, Librarian Mercantile Library, Philadelphia :

Fifty-first and Fifty-second Annual Reports of Mercantile Library Company of Philadelphia.

By A. E. WHITAKER, Librarian Mercantile Library, San Francisco :

Twenty-second Annual Report of the Mercantile Library Association of San Francisco.

By LUCIUS M. BOLTWOOD, Librarian Hartford Young Men's Institute :

Thirty-sixth Annual Report of the Hartford Young Men's Institute.

By PROF. WM. W. FOLWELL, President University of Minnesota, Minneapolis :

Library of the University of Minnesota. An Alphabetical Catalogue of Authors. 1872.

List of Books purchased and presented March, 1872—December, 1874.

Report of the University of Minnesota for 1873-74.

By THE HON. JAS. T. KILBRETH, President Board of Police Justices :

Annual Report of the Board of Police Justices of the City of New-York for 1874.

By BROTHER THOMAS D. STETSON :

[Portion of his cross-examination in a Patent Case.]

By EMANUEL B. HART, President Mount Sinai Hospital :

Annual Report of Mount Sinai Hospital. 3 copies.

By FRANKLIN H. CHURCHILL, Secretary Catholic Protectory :

Twelfth Annual Report of the New-York Catholic Protectory.

By MESSRS. CASSELL, PETTER AND GALPIN :

Report of the Cobden Club, 1874. 3 copies.

By SAMUEL S. GREEN, Librarian :

Fifteenth Annual Report of the Free Public Library of Worcester.

By STEPHEN B. NOYES, Librarian :

Sixteenth Annual Report of the Mercantile Library Association of Brooklyn.

By WM. T. PEOPLES, Librarian :

Fifty-fourth Annual Report of the Mercantile Library Association of New-York. 2 copies.

By HON. JOHN EATON, Commissioner of Education, Washington :

Circulars of Information of the Board of Education. Nos. 1—2. 1875.

By JUSTIN WINSOR, Superintendent ;

Twentieth, Twenty-first and Twenty-second Annual Reports of the Boston Public Library.

By O. H. MILLER, State Librarian, Pennsylvania :

Report of the State Librarian for 1874.

By THE LIBRARY COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA :

[List of Accessions for July, 1875.]

By THE HARTFORD YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE :

Thirty-seventh Annual Report of the Hartford Young Men's Institute.

By DR. E. R. STRAZNICKY, Superintendent :

Annual Report of the Astor Library of the City of New-York, 1875.

By PROF. JOHN LANGDON SIBLEY, Librarian Harvard College, Cambridge, Mass. :

Report of the Committee appointed to visit the Library for 1863.

Annual Report of the Librarian, 1864.

By STEPHEN B. NOYES, Librarian :

Annual Reports, 12th to 17th, [1870-75.]

Bulletin of New Books, Nos. 1 to 8. December, 1869, to December, 1874.

Catalogue of the Mercantile Library, pp. 1-64.

By WM. A. CONKLIN, Director of Menagerie, Central Park, New-York City :

Report of the Director of the Menagerie for the year ending May 31, 1873.

By MELVIL DEWEY, A. B., Assistant Librarian :

Catalogue of Amherst College for 1875-76.

By ROBERT R. MCBURNEY, Corresponding Secretary :

Twenty-second Annual Report of the Young Men's Christian Association of the City of New-York.

By THE MAINE CHARITABLE MECHANICS' ASSOCIATION :

Catalogue of the Books of the Library of the Maine Charitable Mechanics' Association. 12mo. 1875.

By JUSTIN WINSOR, Superintendent :

Bulletin [of New Books and Additions] Nos. 32-35.

By SOME PERSONS UNKNOWN :

Report of the New-York City Council of Political Reform for 1872-74.

Oration of Henry Armitt Brown, 100th Anniversary of the Meeting of Congress.

Speech of Hon. Fernando Wood, February 11, 1875.

Manchester Public Free Libraries. 22d Annual Report, 1873-74.

A Three Year's Struggle with Municipal Misrule. Report of Andrew H. Green, Comptroller, in response to Board of Aldermen, February 18, 1875.

Ninth Annual Report of the Home for Incurables.

Manchester Public Free Libraries. 23d Annual Report, 1874-75.

Hull's Surrender of Detroit. By B. J. Lossing.

BY SAMUEL C. JACKSON, Acting Librarian :

Report of the Librarian of the State Library [of Massachusetts] for the year ending September 30, 1875.

BY THE HON. T. B. POTTER, Hon. Secretary Cobden Club, London, Eng. :

Free Trade and the European Treaties of Commerce. 3 copies.

BY A. E. WHITAKER, Librarian :

Catalogue of Books added to the Mercantile Library of San Francisco, from February 1, 1874, to September 1, 1875.

BY THE LIBRARY COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA :

List of Books added from July 1, 1875, to January 1, 1876.

J. SCHWARTZ,
Librarian.

As will be seen by the foregoing report of the Librarian, the Library comprises nearly 53,000 volumes. All the available shelf room is completely filled, and it will be necessary soon, in order to maintain the interest in, and to retain the advantages as well as the reputation of the Library, to provide additional shelves either in this or some other building.

The additions of new books have not been as large in point of number as is usual, owing to the debt incurred in the season of 1873-74 in the publication of a new catalogue, and to various alterations and additions to facilitate the delivery of books. That debt is now, however, all paid, and the additions of books for the ensuing year will probably compare favorably with those of former years.

The new system of recording loans introduced in

1873-74, and briefly described in the last Annual Report, has proved very satisfactory, and the Committee see no reason to regret the change. It possesses all the advantages of former systems, besides being vastly superior in accuracy and despatch. It has been repeatedly demonstrated by actual experiment, that 120 books an hour, or 2 books per minute, can be delivered with ease and accuracy, one clerk being sufficient to make all the necessary entries. Another advantage of the system, and that not the least, is its economy. Since its introduction the Committee have been enabled to dispense with the services of one assistant, who was paid \$600 per annum, and a collector who was paid about \$200 per annum.

Another advantage mainly due to the new system is the increased facilities afforded in recovering books detained over the time. It will be seen by the Report of the Librarian, that during the past season, out of a circulation of 114,397 volumes, only 64 remain in the hands of readers, (and of these three have been returned since that report was handed in,) of which two-thirds, at least, were obtained on forged certificates. Of the remainder the guarantors or readers have removed, died, or proved irresponsible or unwilling to settle. Practically, therefore, all the books that could be recovered have been collected. The Committee is highly pleased to report so small a number of books not returned, the average for some years past having been between 300 and 400. Indeed, the record in this respect has not been so satisfactory since 1858-59, or seventeen years ago, when there were 49 books not returned out of only 16,000 circulated. In 1859-60 there were 67 volumes not returned.

Your Committee regret to report a decrease of 776 readers; but from present indications they feel confident that this loss will be more than made up during the ensuing year. After all, the loss is more apparent than real. So many applications were presented during the

past few years, which afterwards proved to be forgeries, and in several cases resulted in the loss of a book, that it was found necessary to exercise a great deal more care, and in doubtful cases make inquiries as to the genuineness of the signature and standing of the guarantor. In consequence of this, quite a large number of certificates were rejected which formerly would have been accepted. The remarkable decrease, in books not returned, seems to show clearly the wisdom and necessity of the extra caution exercised.

We have no doubt, that if the members of the Society were made generally aware of the fact, that frequently certificates presented to them for approval are forgeries, and that most of the books annually lost are due to this cause, they would, no doubt, exercise more care, and satisfy themselves of the genuineness of the signature of the guarantor, before approving the certificate. If this were done generally, it would not only relieve us of considerable responsibility, but would save the readers in some cases unnecessary delay.

The last Annual Report intimated that some 1,831 volumes were to be transferred from the De Milt Library to the circulating department. This work has been performed, and the books are now on the shelves ready for circulation. They number 1,837 volumes. The Librarian's Report gives full particulars as to their classification. A MSS. Catalogue of them is now in preparation.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN R. VOORHIS,
Chairman.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LITERARY AND SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE.

RECEIPTS.

1875.		Balance on hand, Dec. 31, 1874,.....	\$515 10
March	12.	Received from D. D. Wright, Treasurer,.	1,000 00
Nov.	6.	" " " " " " .	1,000 00
			<hr/> \$2,515 10

DISBURSEMENTS.

Jan'y	7.	Cash paid W. C. Richards, Lecturer,...	\$150 00
"	21.	" " Rev. H. C. Potter, " ...	100 00
Feb'y	4.	" " R. J. De Cordova, " ...	100 00
"	"	" " Jackson Express, W. C. R.,...	3 00
"	18.	" " A. A. Starr, Lecturer,....	75 00
March	4.	" " Chas. Roberts, Jr., "	100 00
"	"	" " Slote & Janes, Stationery,.....	2 00
"	6.	" " E. A. Tuomy, Carriage,.....	4 00
"	29.	" " G. Schmitz, Organist,.....	80 00
April	14.	" " Steinway & Sons, rent of Hall,	400 00
"	"	" " George Gerst, Janitor,.....	81 00
May	10.	" " Advertising Lectures,.....	55 50
"	17.	" " Slote & Janes, Stationery,.....	4 50
Oct.	6.	" " E. Stratton, Doorkeeper,.....	12 00
Nov.	8.	" " John W. Amerman, Printing,.	66 75
"	10.	" " Hussey's Post,.....	12 49
"	12.	" " Bayard Taylor, Lecturer,.	150 00
Dec.	2.	" " Rev. H. M. Gallaher, " .	100 00
"	17.	" " Chas. Roberts, Jr., " .	125 00
"	"	" " Steinway & Sons, rent,.....	240 00
"	"	" " John W. Amerman, Printing,.	20 00
"	20.	" " F. H. Grosz, Secretary, Stamps,	2 75
			<hr/> 1,883 99
Balance on hand, December 31, 1875,.....			<hr/> \$631 11

Respectfully submitted,

MARC EIDLITZ,
Chairman.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BUILDING AND SINKING FUND COMMITTEE.

Amount of Fund, December 31, 1874,..... \$39,561 35

RECEIPTS.

Amount received from the Society,.....	\$5,108 37	
Interest on Call loans,.....	42 63	
“ “ Deposit Bowery Savings Bank,.....	78 81	
“ “ “ Dry Dock “ “	165 34	
“ “ Corporation Stock,.....	1,050 00	
“ “ U. S. 5-20 Stock in gold,.....	540 00	
“ “ U. S. 1881 “ “ “	540 00	
Premium on gold,.....	157 94	
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Total amount of Fund, December 31, 1875,. \$47,244 44

In presenting the Annual Report, the Committee regrets the inability of the Society to appropriate a larger amount to the Fund during the past year.

It is hopeful of larger appropriations in the future, and cannot help feeling that the progress made and the amount presented, growing and to grow, should commend this trust to the Society, individually and collectively, as worthy of their earnest countenance, nourishment and support.

Respectfully submitted.

ANDREW MILLS,
Chairman.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen

OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK,

FOR THE YEAR 1875.

THE Finance Committee, in accordance with the By-Laws, respectfully submit the following report of the financial affairs of the Society, with a statement of its assets and liabilities, and estimates of its probable receipts and expenditures for the ensuing year :

Balance on hand, December 31st, 1874 :

With the Treasurer,.....	\$4,675 04	
“ “ Finance Committee,.....	334 14	
“ “ Pension “	1,564 00	
“ “ Library “	49 02	
“ “ Literary and Scientific Committee,.....	515 10	
“ “ Building and Sinking Fund “	39,561 35	
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		\$46,698 65
Received by Treasurer,.....	\$36,399 04	
“ “ School Committee,.....	189 04	
“ “ Library “	1,241 45	
“ “ Building and Sinking Fund Committee,	2,532 09	
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		40,361 62
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		\$87,060 27

There has been expended during 1875 :

By the Treasurer,.....	\$3,924 80	
“ Finance Committee,.....	4,241 54	
“ School “	3,215 87	
“ Pension “	7,727 00	
“ Literary and Scientific Committee,.....	1,883 99	
“ Library Committee,.....	9,893 17	
Due the School “	30 92	
“ Library “	436 46	
	<hr/>	31,353 75
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		\$55,706 52

ASSETS.

Amount with Treasurer,.....	\$4,573 28	
“ “ Finance Committee,.....	92 60	
“ “ Pension “	1,337 00	
“ “ School “	67 25	
“ “ Library “ Apprentices' Lib.	1,134 48	
“ “ “ “ De Milt “	626 36	
“ “ Literary and Scientific Committee, ..	631 11	
“ “ Building and Sinking Fund “ ..	47,244 44	
	<hr/>	\$55,706 52
Real Estate, Park Place and Broadway,.....	300,000 00	
“ “ Crosby-street and Broadway,.....	125,000 00	
Mechanics' National Bank Stock, par,.....	20,275 00	
United States Bonds,.....	43,000 00	
Furniture,	1,000 00	
Books in Library,.....	40,000 00	
Leasehold, No. 12 Chambers-street,.....	3,500 00	
	<hr/>	\$588,481 52

LIABILITIES.

Amount due Library Fund,.....	\$1,907 66	
“ “ De Milt Library,.....	5,000 00	
“ “ Interest,	300 00	
	<hr/>	\$7,207 66

ESTIMATE OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR
1876.

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS.

Rent of Park Place and Broadway,.....	\$24,100 00	
“ “ No. 12 Chambers-street,.....	3,000 00	
“ “ Broadway and Crosby-street,.....	4,000 00	
Dividend on Mechanics' National Bank Stock,.....	2,027 50	
Interest on U. S. stock and other securities,.....	5,000 00	
Initiation,.....	900 00	
		<hr/> \$39,027 50

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES.

Finance Committee,	\$3,000 00	
Committee on Pensions,.....	8,000 00	
School Committee,	3,000 00	
Library Committee, including interest on Fund,....	8,000 00	
“ “ De Milt Library,.....	300 00	
Literary and Scientific Committee,.....	1,500 00	
Taxes and Croton Water rents,.....	1,700 00	
Ground rent, No. 12 Chambers-street,.....	125 00	
Salaries of Treasurer, Secretary, Janitor and Door-keeper,.....	1,760 00	
		<hr/> \$27,385 00

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN T. CONOVER,	}	<i>Finance Committee.</i>
GEORGE I. BYRD,		
NOAH WORRALL,		
ADOLPHUS F. OCKERSHAUSEN,		
HENRY WILSON,		
EDWIN DOBBS,		
DANIEL D. WRIGHT,		

INAUGURAL ADDRESS

OF

HAVILAH M. SMITH, Esq.

PRESIDENT OF THE

General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen,

OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK.

INAUGURAL ADDRESS.

BROTHERS :

It has become somewhat the custom for the President of this Society, when entering on his duties, to make a few remarks on the history, standing, and *prospects* of the Society.

In the year 1785, nine years after the Declaration of Independence, the founders of this Society, feeling the need of mutual alliance—as only those who have passed through some such great struggle could—assembled and associated themselves together for mutual protection and assistance, under the name and title of the “GENERAL SOCIETY OF MECHANICS AND TRADESMEN OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK,” the primary object of which was, at the time of organization, to relieve the widows and orphans of deceased members. This object has been carefully retained and nurtured, and under the care of our present Committee, is the just pride of, and still remains the primary and first object of our Association.

The Society was first incorporated in the year 1792, and the charter has since been amended, from time to time, to comply with the progressive requirements of the Society. About 1820, after making the first purchase of real estate (at the corner of Broadway and Park Place) for a more permanent home, its usefulness was further

extended, by establishing a school for the education of the children of its members, and a library for the benefit of the apprentices of our city. The school supplied a great want of that time, in not only educating the children of the members of this Society, but also, in furnishing teachers for other schools.

Since the establishment of the present Public School system, the day-school is no longer needed ; but we have continued to supply the great want of a *practical* drawing school for the apprentices of our city ; and from the progress now made, your School Committee will doubtless be able to make an exhibition, at the close of the session, of which the Society may well feel proud.

The Library, from the time it was established, until about the year 1846, was kept open in the evening only. It then contained about 17,000 volumes, and had about 1,600 readers ; we *now* have, as per last report, about 52,700 volumes, and between six and seven thousand readers.

In 1862, the free use of our Library was extended to female operatives, with most gratifying results.

Brothers, I would earnestly recommend for your consideration the propriety of further extending this privilege of the free use of the Library to the journeymen mechanics and artisans of our city.

Our Literary and Scientific Committee, by the careful and judicious management of the appropriations from the funds entrusted to their care, and their selections of subjects and Lecturers, for the instruction and entertainment of the members of the Society and their families, have merited the approval of the members of the Society.

Brothers, a separate fund has been created and set apart for the purpose of obtaining a new and more suitable location and building, for the use of the Society, and in which we might feel we had a *permanent* home, and *one worthy* the noble character of the trust be-

queathed to us by the founders of this venerable Society.

We have now in that fund, as per report just rendered, \$47,244 $\frac{44}{100}$. With a prospect of but little expense being required on our buildings, and a careful expenditure by the several Committees, may we not hope to add full ten thousand dollars to our Building and Sinking Fund the present year?

In this connection, if I may be allowed to refer to it, much has been said about the rise in value of property, which has, from time to time, been offered to this Society; but we must not forget, at the same time, the rise in value of our own property as well. I see, by a report of 1843, the Society had at that time under consideration the propriety of selling the Broadway and Park Place property for the sum of \$54,000, the rent of which was at that time \$3,000 per annum; for this same property we now receive \$24,100 per annum ground rent, free from taxes and assessments, which would place the amount at about eight times what it was worth at that time, thirty-three years ago, or something over \$400,000, we having received the rental in the meantime.

Brothers, let us not lament over any errors of the past, but believing that the Great Ruler of events will reward all good works, let us press forward for the future.

I would recommend the continuance of the Committee on Location, and hope that a site may be selected during the present financial crisis.

The location once decided, so as to unite the action of the members of the Society, I think the ways and means will be sure to follow.

In conclusion, Brothers, I thank you for the confidence you have placed in me in electing me to this honorable position. I feel my incompetency to fill the position as I would like to see it filled, and beg your indulgence and your assistance in all our deliberations.

Standing Committees.

1876.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

ADOLPHUS F. OCKERSHAUSEN, *Chairman*, 380 South Street.
GEORGE I. BYRD, *Secretary*, 6 West Twenty-Ninth Street.
FREEMAN BLOODGOOD, *Treasurer*, 16 West Twelfth Street.
HENRY WILSON, 326 East Eighteenth Street.
WILLIAM H. GEDNEY, 67 Horatio Street.
HENRY L. SLOTE, *Second Vice-President, ex officio*.
DANIEL D. WRIGHT, *Treasurer of the Society, ex officio*.

[Meet Monthly, on the last Friday in each month, at 4 o'clock, P. M.]

COMMITTEE ON PENSIONS.

ANDREW HUTTON, *Chairman*, 349 West Twenty-Second Street.
GEORGE B. BILLERWELL, *Secretary*, 224 West Houston Street.
JOHN A. WEEKS, 475 West Twenty-Second Street.
JACOB C. BOGERT, 68 Bank Street.
JOHN NICHOL, 52 Perry Street.
HAMILTON R. SEARLES, 178 West Eleventh Street.
HENRY R. WARNER, 127 Worth Street.
OLIVER A. FARRIN, 13 Leroy Street.

[Meet half an hour before each Regular Meeting of the Society, and on the 15th of February, May, August and November, at 2 o'clock, P. M.]

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

ALEXANDER GAW, *Chairman*, 215 Mercer Street.
WILLIAM T. PETERSON, *Treasurer*, 144 Bowery.
NILES G. WHITE, *Secretary*, 340 Madison Street.
HENRY H. WINANS, 71 Wall Street.
JOHN C. CARSON, 109 Perry Street.
THOMAS D. STETSON, 16 Murray Street.
WILLIAM MILES, *Savings Bank*, Astor Place.
SAMUEL MCCOLLOUGH, 109 Leroy Street.
DANIEL HERBERT, 215 East Forty-Eighth Street.
JACOB S. BROWNE, 10 Van Nest Place.
ANTHONY O. ROWE, 360 West Street.
JOHN C. DOREMUS, 743 Greenwich Street.
HAVILAH M. SMITH, *President, ex officio*.

[Meet Monthly, on the Wednesday next before the Regular Meetings of the Society, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.]

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

JOHN R. VOORHIS, *Chairman*, 786 *Greenwich Street*.
 ALBERT G. BOGERT, *Treasurer*, 59 *Christopher Street*.
 WILLIAM H. BURRAS, *Secretary*, 52 *King Street*.
 STEPHEN S. CHATTERTON, 116 *Maiden Lane*.
 RICHARD POILLON, 224 *South Street*.
 JOHN H. WAYDELL, 21 *Old Slip*.
 ABISHA S. DICKINSON, 443 *West Fourteenth Street*.
 JOHN J. TUCKER, 37 *West Twelfth Street*.
 HENRY MOORE, 41 *King Street*.
 DANIEL D. EARLE, 76 *Second Avenue*.
 GILBERT J. BURNET, 89 *East Tenth Street*.
 CHARLES ANDRUSS, 448 *West Forty-Fourth Street*.
 E. DOBBS, *First Vice-President, ex officio*.

[Meet Monthly, on the Friday next before the Regular Meetings of the Society, at 8 o'clock, P. M.]

LITERARY AND SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE.

MARC EIDLITZ, *Chairman*, 24 *Murray Street*.
 JOHN BANTA, *Treasurer*, 24 *Murray Street*.
 JOHN H. ROGERS, *Secretary*, 24 *Murray Street*.
 FREDERICK H. GROSZ, 44 *East Twenty-First Street*.
 DAVID JARDINE, 1267 *Broadway*.
 JOHN W. MORGAN, 152 *West Twelfth Street*.
 JOHN M. DODD, Jr., 104 *East Twenty-Ninth Street*.
 JOSEPH SMITH, 215 *East Eleventh Street*.
 JAMES J. BURNET, 89 *East Tenth Street*.
 MARTIN R. ROOME, 62 *Thompson Street*.
 JOHN DOWNEY, 407 *West Thirty-Third Street*.
 WILLIAM OTIS MUNROE, 1308 *Broadway*.
 HAVILAH M. SMITH, *President, ex officio*.

[Meet on the third Monday of February, March, April, May, September, October, November and December, at 8 o'clock, P. M.]

BUILDING AND SINKING FUND COMMITTEE.

ANDREW MILLS, *Chairman*, 215 *Second Avenue*.
 GEORGE A. JEREMIAH, *Secretary*, 251 *West Eleventh Street*.
 DANIEL D. WRIGHT, *Treasurer*, 463 *East Houston Street*.

GEORGE W. WALKER, *DOORKEEPER*.

JACOB SCHWARTZ, JR., *LIBRARIAN*, 472 *Broadway*.

HENRY C. AUDIE, *JANITOR*, 472 *Broadway*.

[Regular Meetings of the Society, first Wednesday evening of each month, except July and August, or if falling upon a legal holiday, then on the following Wednesday evening.]

